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1. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS USED OCCASION OF NIGERIAN HIGH COM-MISSIONER'S CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 24 TO COMMENT ON NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS WITH SYG WALDHEIM ON CYPRUS AND GREEK DETERMINATION NOT TO ACCEPT THE "NEW REALITIES." MAKARIOS CRITICIZED TURKEY FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH UN RESOLUTIONS, CHARGED TURK CYPRIOT SIDE WITH BAD FAITH, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDUCED AS EVIDENCE CONTINUING TURKISH REFUSAL TO SUBMIT

"CONCRETE AND COMPREHENSIVE" PROPOSALS.

- 2. MAKARIOS THEN GAVE HIS VERSION OF NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS.
 "THE TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE," HE SAID, "INSISTED THAT
 THE TALKS SHOULD BE RESUMED AT COMMITTEES' LEVEL WITH THE
 PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS FROM GREECE AND TURKEY. WHEN, HOWEVER,
 THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ASKED THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE TO UNDERTAKE A COMMITMENT THAT THEY WILL PRESENT AT THE PROPOSED COMMITTEES CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM,
 PARTICULARLY ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE, THEIR RESPONSE WAS
 NEGATIVE. AND SO THE TALKS ARE STILL IN A DEADLOCK. THE
 TURKISH PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES WAS
 MERELY A WAY TO AVOID MEANINGFUL TALKS AND, FURTHERMORE, TO
 PREVENT OUR NEW RECOURSE TO THE UNITED NATIONS. IN FACT,
 THEY WANT THE NEGOTIATING PROCEDURE ONLY TO CAMOUFLAGE THEIR
 PARTITIONIST PLANS AND TO AVOID WORLD CRITICISM, WHILST
 CONSOLIDATING THE DE FACTO SITUATION...."
- 3. MAKARIOS THEN CAUTIONED TURKEY NOT TO DELUDE ITSELF INTO THINKING THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL "GIVE IN AND ACCEPT THE SO-CALLED NEW REALITIES. SUCH IMPRESSION IS VERY FAR FROM REALITY. WE MAY BE OBLIGED TO CARRY OUT A LONG STRUGGLE BUT IN NO CASE SHALL WE ACCEPT THE OUTCOME OF A MILITARY AGGRESSION. ANY SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM SHOULD BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY. IT SHOULD BE BASED ON THE SAFEGUARD OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF OUR COUNTRY."
- 4. COMMENT: IN MAKARIOS' NOW-HARD, NOW -ACCOMMODATING APPROACH TO CYPRUS NEGOTIATION, THIS REPRESENTS A SWING TOWARD THE FORMER WITH AN EYE TO UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE. THE GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR, TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS, HAS MADE SEVERAL PARALLEL STATEMENTS. CRAWFORD

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